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REF: DEPT OM 17 MAR. 76 SUBJECT NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC AND
OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC REPLY ASAP.
2. IN PAST SIX MONTHS DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AN INORDINATE
NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR CHANGES OF STATUS FROM OFFICIAL
A-2 TO DIPLOMATIC A-1 FOR NIGERIAN OFFICIALS. THE
EMBASSY OF NIGERIA CONTENDS THAT THE A-2 VISAS WERE
ISSUED IN ERROR AT LAGOS. A RECENT AIDE MEMOIRE FROM
EMBASSY OF NIGERIA, WASHINGTON, STATES: "A CASE THAT
READILY COMES TO MIND IS MRS. REKIYA SCOTT, FIRST
SECRETARY (RECRUITMENT) WHO ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON TO
ASSUME DUTIES WITH AN A-2 VISA DESPITE THE FACT
THAT SHE HOLDS A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. EVEN THOUGH
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN LAGOS FORMALLY
REQUESTED ENTRY VISA FOR HER AND HER DEPENDENT, SHE
WAS ISSUED AN A-2 VISA WHILE THE DEPENDENT WAS ISSUED
A B-2 (TEMPORARY VISITOR) VISA."

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3. THE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON THIS OR ANY OTHER CASE OR
PROBLEM RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC A-1 AS
AGAINST OFFICIAL A-2 VISAS WILL BE APPRECIATED. ROBINSON

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